

**Developmental Disabilities Council Minutes
Phoenix Inn Suites, Olympia
January 18, 2008**

Present

George Walker (Chair), George Adams, Brenda Anderson, Amber Blevins, Harriette Bryant, Robert Doyle, Leo Finnegan, Lori Flood, Vickie Foster, Stanley Fukui, Larry Garman, Mike Hatch, Becky Lasky, Shawn Latham, John Lemus, Sara McQueed, Alicia McRae, Shannon Patton, Laquitajoy Pendergrass, Leandro Razo, Janet Adams (DDD), Sherrie Brown (UCED), Patty McDonald (ADSA), Carole McRae (HRSA), Kelly Boston (DVR), Carol Miller (DOH)

Absent

Suzanne Gries, Larry Moss, Marijo Olson (CTED), Tonya Middling (OSPI), Mark Stroh (P&A), David Kludt (MHD), Michelle Bogart (DSHS)

Staff

Ed Holen, Sieng Bonham, Brian Dahl, Autumn Dryden, Jodi Honeysett, David Maltman, Eva Rooks, Linda Walling

Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

Approval of November Minutes

Motion: Council approve the November 2007 minutes as written. Sara moved and John seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

George reported that Larry's daughter was featured in a magazine. The story was about her business selling Italian Ice.

Executive Director's Report

Ed delivered a PowerPoint presentation on current Council projects. Overall the Council is making great strides and achieving more than expected in most areas.

Ed gave a second PowerPoint presentation on the Council budget. There is currently a \$50,000 budget balance that needs to be spent.

The third PowerPoint presentation covered the legislative session. Each pending bill was explained. Ed shared that the 2008 legislative conference call information will be posted on the Council's website and he encouraged everyone to attend as many advocacy days this session as they could.

Ed stated that the Endowment Trust Fund is asking for five million dollars to fund an additional 1,000 trusts. There are currently a limited number of trusts available to receive the current state match from the original five million.

Workgroup and Committee Reports

Self Determination and Individual Development Workgroup

Shawn reported that the workgroup heard presentations on:

- The Working Age Adult Policy
- Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)
- Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT)

Community Development Workgroup

Stan reported that the workgroup discussed:

- Their Big Picture Workplan;
- Informing Families Building Trust (IFBT) contract
- What inclusion/integration means to everyone

Systems Issues Workgroup

Harriett reported that the workgroup discussed:

- Aging – DD Task Force; Self-Directed Care; Death with Dignity
- Family supported respite care
- Juvenile justice

Public Policy Committee

Leo reported that the committee discussed:

- Current legislative issues
- The Legislative Reception
- Current federal issues

Governance Committee

Sara reported that the committee discussed:

- Revising and clarifying the Council Attendance Policy
- The Council Budget Development Process Policy
- The Executive Director's Evaluation

Motion: The Committee moved that the Council approve the Council Budget Development Process Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

Membership Committee

Larry reported that the committee discussed:

- A town meeting will be held in Wenatchee
- Video clips will be done in Wenatchee
- Changing the Council member appointment time to run from July to July
- Development Day

The Conflict of Interest forms were handed out for members to fill out and return to Linda.

Agency Reports

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

Janet handed out information on four activities that are beginning in DDD. 1) A new Special Investigation Unit is being formed at DDD Headquarters to provide outside investigations of incidents of possible abuse, neglect, or exploitation in the RHCs or in field services offices. 2) She shared information on the development of a project that is being coordinated by Jane Boone to have the schools and DDD work closer together in helping students with developmental disabilities to leave school with a job. 3) DDD has two current federal grants. The Money Follows the Person, "Roads to Community Living" Grant will provide additional supports to people transitioning from RHCs to the community over the next four years. 4) The Person Centered Planning grant, "From Planning to Welcoming a Person-Centered Approach" will be piloted in three counties and will identify people with disabilities needing work and hire planners to develop plans for each person, using circles of support and community connectors. This process will be evaluated to identify key practices that can be shared state-wide. This is a three year grant.

University Center (UCEDD)

Sherrie distributed the CHDD Outlook quarterly publication that highlighted the Growth Attenuation conference that UW, the DDC, and DRW participated in last May. She also provided copies of the final report the UW did on Family Support with funding from the ArcTrust Fund.

Department of Health (DOH)

Carol reported that the Early Hearing Loss Detection Diagnosis and Intervention (EHDDI) program gained permission from the DOH/DSHS Investigational Review Board to survey parents whose infants were referred for audiologic diagnostic evaluation following failed newborn hearing screening. The purpose of this survey is to identify possible barriers parents may face when trying to access these diagnostic services.

This legislative session the Governor's budget includes a decision package put forward by the Washington State Department of Health for partial funding of the Early Hearing Loss Detection, Diagnosis, and Intervention (EHDDI) Program. The amount requested was based on the loss of federal funds for the program.

Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP) staff has completed a statewide data collection of 5% of total state Individual Family Services Plans (IFSPs). The data will be included as part of the Annual Performance Report (APR) and State Performance Plan (SPP) to be sent to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) by February 2, 2008. The State Performance Plan can be accessed online at <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/word/adsa/iteip/SPP05-10.doc>.

Currently, ITEIP is collecting data for children entering early intervention after July 1, 2007 and who will be in services longer than 6 months. Exit data will be collected within 60 days of children exiting early intervention services. ITEIP expects to obtain baseline entry and exit data on all children in early intervention services by July 2010.

ITEIP has received several applications from people interested in joining the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC). The following positions still need to be filled: 2 parent positions, 1 public health service provider, 1 physician service provider, 1 Tribal representative, 1 education/school representative, and 1 personnel preparation position. In addition, members are still actively being recruited for all committees. Interested persons should contact Linda Jennings at (360) 725-3514 or email JenniLL@dshs.wa.gov for more information and application process.

The Washington State Legislature provided funds in the 2007-09 biennial budget to continue the Autism Task Force (ATF) and tasks for development of implementation plans.

A project from the Washington State Fathers Network (WSFN) has been funded through a private foundation to develop a video/DVD about Latino Dads and the joys and struggles they experience when having a child with special health care needs and or

developmental delay. DOH hopes to have one Latino family having a child with epilepsy included in the video so it can also be used by the *Epilepsia en Washington* grant for information purposes. This is an exciting project which DOH anticipates to finish no later than August, 2008. The fall edition of WSNF newsletter, 'Connections' is posted on line at: <http://www.fathersnetwork.org/1011.html>

Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA)

Patty McDonald gave a report on the Eldercare Alliance priorities for the 2008 legislature. She had two handouts and the information will be sent to Eva at the DDC for posting online.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Kelly Boston reported that DVR prepares an Annual Report at the end of each year to highlight Division results and success stories of individuals served. Included in the report this year is an article about John Lemus (Council member from Spokane). John was also selected as a representative on a National Youth Leadership Council. Copies of DVR's Annual Report were made available. DVR will initiate services to everyone left waiting for services on February 11 and will be able to continue operating with no waiting. This is the first time in more than 7 years that DVR will not have a waiting list.

Several projects are under development that will benefit individuals with developmental disabilities. DVR is continuing to partner with DDD, Division of Mental Health, and the Department of Personnel to establish a more efficient process for state agencies to hire individuals who need supported employment. Once the procedures are in place, the partners plan to do outreach and marketing to state agencies to create new job opportunities for individuals with disabilities in state government jobs. DVR will also be providing training throughout the state to providers who offer employment-related services to individuals who require supported employment. The training is intended to improve provider skills and knowledge in how to market employers and how to support individuals to become successfully employed once they obtain a job. DVR is partnering with King County on a pilot to provide employment services to individuals with the most significant disabilities, many of whom have not been candidates for employment. Due to the Working Age Adult Policy, DDD, Counties and DVR are partnering to explore new strategies to support individuals who have not worked before to enter employment. DVR is also initiating a self-employment project to improve its success rate in supporting individuals who become self-employed. This will include exploring and implementing improved guidelines as well as working to identify and secure providers with expertise in evaluating and supporting individuals throughout the business development and early stages of operation. Lastly, DVR is continuing to work with providers who have expressed an interest in Project SEARCH, an employment model involving hospital-based employment. DVR will provide more information at the next meeting regarding Project Search.

Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA)

Carole reported that HRSA is still digging out from legislation passed last year. HRSA does have some new legislation this year around increasing the monetary requirement to match the federal poverty level. If passed, it could result in more people being eligible for services. Although it's not likely to pass this year, the legislation should call more attention to such an important issue.

With that the meeting was adjourned.